

too frequently, at this period, make more haste to obtain the object of their wishes than is proper. It is no wonder therefore that the dreams just mentioned made a very great impression on Joseph's mind. Suspecting no evil, and meaning no harm, he exultingly told his brethren: "In my sleep I dreamed that we were employed in gathering the fruits of the field; we had each bound up a sheaf of corn, and laid them on the ground, when, to my great surprize, they all arose as if they had been endued with animal life; mine stood in the middle, and yours, having formed a circle round it, bowed and rendered homage to it." You may imagine, my dear reader, what an effect this speech would have on his envious brethren. They one and all cried, "Thou contemptible being, dost thou think to reign over us?" But the good nature and innocence of Joseph prevented him from resenting this abusive language; and, in the most artless way he recited to them

another dream which (said he) a more strange for I saw the Sun and they made obeisance to me." "Brethren bow down to me." "of these dreams they which we shall relate in the next chapter, and concerning—That young man that take any notice of them, are, for the most part, the result of roving fancy, pursuing that are past. Never before has sometimes revealed extraordinary cases,

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